

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 12 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13-18 have been cancelled herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 10 stand objected to because of an informality. Claims 1, 6 and 10 have been cancelled herein. Claims 4 and 12 have been amended herein. Therefore, withdrawal of the instant objection is requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Everitt (U.S. Pat. No. 5,596,176) in view of Matlock et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2,694,924) and Igura et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,703,279). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13-15 have been cancelled herein. Accordingly, withdrawal of the instant rejection is requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 4 and 12 are allowed (subject to the objections noted). Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 4 and 12 to overcome the objections. Therefore, claims 4 and 12 should now be in condition for allowance and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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